1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7	Haryana			21	5	26
8	Himachal Pradesh	2			2	4*
9	J and K	12			19	31
10	Karnataka					0
11	Kerala	5		3		8
12	Madhya Pradesh				0	
13	Maharashtra			26	26	52
14	Manipur					0
15	Meghalaya	4#			2	6
16	Mizoram					0
17	Nagaland					0
18	Orissa					0
19	Punjab	4			2	6
20	Rajasthan			1	20	21
21	Sikkim					0
22	Tamil Nadu			25	1	26
23	Tripura					0
24	Uttar Pradesh	4				4
25	West Bengal					0
	Total	35	41	150	82	308

upto Aug., 96
including MNP. Break-up under Normal and MNP not available.

10% Reservation on Economic Basis

2834. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :
DR. BALI RAM :
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister has declared that the Government was contemplating for providing 10% reservation economic based to those who were not covered by any of the reservation provisions made so far and do not come within the perview of backward classes;

(b) if so, whether Government have finally agreed to this proposal; and

(c) if so, the time by which the legislation in this regard is likely to be introduced in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (c). Under the existing legal position, such reservation has not been found permissible.

Fake Gas Cylinders

2835. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a large scale circulation of fake gas cylinders in the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected during each of the last three years; and

(c) whether the Government propose to take steps to check circulation of fake cylinders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (c). Yes, Sir. The Government LPG marketing companies conduct regular and surprise inspections to detect circulation of spurious cylinders with the distributors and transporters etc. Some raids are also conducted by the State Governments from time to time for which information is not maintained and not available in this Ministry. However spurious cylinders are detected mostly at the bottling plants, where they are crushed and destroyed. When transporters and distributors are found in possession of and selling or circulating spurious cylinders, warning is issued to them and penal recovery is made from them.

(b) The number of spurious cylinders seized detected during the last three years is as under

1993-94	2718
1994-95	4553
1995-96	9898

[Translation]

LPG Agencies

2836 SHRI HARIN PATHAK
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY
SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN
SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH
SHRIMATI KAMAL RANI
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA
DR. RAM LAKHAN SINGH
SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT
SHRI SURESH R. JADHAV
PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT
PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS
DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA
DR. SAHEBRAO SUKRAM BAGUL

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies at present in each State, Companywise;

(b) the number of applications received by the Union Government for allotment of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies from each State during the last three years;

(c) the number of applications approved, rejected and pending with the Union Government;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up more such outlets during the current year; and

(e) if so, the location identified so far in each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) As on 1.10.1996 there were 16630 retail outlets and 5305 LPG distributorships operating in different States/U.T.s of the country. Statewise details are given in the attached Statement.

(b) and (c). Oil marketing companies had invited applications through press advertisements for aware of 2386 retail outlets and 1977 LPG distributorships in different parts of the country during the last 3 years. A large number of applications were received in response to these advertisements. Selections were finalised for 1541 retail outlets and 947 LPG distributorships by the OSBs during the same period.

(d) and (e) Opening of retail outlets and LPG distributorships of petroleum products is a continuous process. 1040 retail outlets and 1191 LPG distributorships have been included in the Retail Outlet marketing plan 1993-96 and LPG marketing plan 1994-96. Several of these dealerships/distributorships would come up during the current year.

STATEMENT

	State/UT	RO	LPG
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1263	444
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	30	16
3.	Assam	350	141
4.	Bihar	1072	206
5.	Goa	66	33
6.	Gujarat	1045	359
7.	Haryana	559	167
8.	Himachal Pradesh	89	67
9.	J & K	123	87
10.	Karnataka	1003	293
11.	Kerala	743	196
12.	Madhya Pradesh	985	302
13.	Maharashtra	1622	690
14.	Manipur	30	17
15.	Meghalaya	58	16
16.	Mizoram	14	13
17.	Nagaland	30	15
18.	Orissa	353	102
19.	Punjab	1020	245
20.	Rajasthan	997	222
21.	Sikkim	12	2
22.	Tamil Nadu	1496	380
23.	Tripura	32	14
24.	Uttar Pradesh	2238	660
25.	West Bengal	1052	303
	Union Territories		
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	3	1
2.	Chandigarh	35	30
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4	1
4.	Delhi	280	270
5.	Daman and Diu	6	2
6.	Lakshadweep	0	1
7.	Pondicherry	30	11
	Grand Total	**16630**	**5305**